

XM radio provides programming that is a refreshing alternative to the pablum pumped out by local "lowest common demoninator" FM programming. A few large markets in the country offer diverse and interesting programming (Washington, D.C. and Detroit come to mind). But in most areas, like South Florida where I live, local radio is a desert. I almost used to dread putting on the radio in the car. Now, with XM I look forward to it. XM's music programming is exceptional on every channel I've listened to, from classical to jazz to world music. The rock channels recall the best of the free form 60's. If I need a traffic report, I know which station to hit. And since those reports are 24/7, I don't need to wade around the dial trying to find one. Any reduction of these services would be an affront to the consumers who have signed on to satellite radio. If anything, we need even more stations! Dean Hahnenberg